

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PLANTS FOR BIO- DIESEL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of plants identified for bio-diesel production in the country;
- (b) the steps being taken to popularize/encourage its plantation;
- (c) whether any target has been fixed for their production;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, plant-wise;
- (e) whether the Union Government has received any proposal for production of bio-diesel producing seeds; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a): Jatropha & Karanj are the two oilseeds bearing trees which have been identified as potential crops for bio-diesel production.
- (b): National Oilseeds Vegetable & Oils Development (NOVOD) Board under the Ministry of Agriculture is promoting the cultivation of tree borne oilseeds including Jatropha & Karanj under the central sector scheme `Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs)` during 10th Plan. Model plantations of Jatropha & Karanj have been established on 10,000 ha. in 21 States.
- (c) & (d): No target has been fixed for their production by the Government of India.
- (e) & (f): The Ministry of Agriculture has not received any proposal for production of bio- diesel producing seeds.